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COSMOGONY.—The universe is a cell, a hollow globe, the physical body of which is the earth; the sun is at the center. We live on the inside of the cell; and the sun, moon, planets, and stars are all within the globe. The universe is eternal, a great battery, and perpetually renews itself through inherent functions, by virtue of which it involves and evolves itself.

ALCHEMY.—The Science of Alchemy is the Philosopher's Stone, the Key to the mystery of life. Chemistry is false; Alchemy is true! Matter and energy are interconvertible and interdependent; they are correlates; matter is destructible; the result of its transmutation is energy. Alchemy is the key to the analysis of the universe.

THEOLOGY.—God is personal and biune, with a trinity of specific attributes. God

in his perfection and power is the God-man or the man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

MESSIANIC LAW.—The coming of the Messiah is as inevitable as the reproduction of the seed. The divine Seed was sown nineteen hundred years ago; the firstfruit is another Messianic personality. The Messiah is now in the world, declaring the scientific Gospel.

REINCARNATION is the central law of life—the law of the resurrection; reincarnation and resurrection are identical. Resurrection is reached through a succession of re-embodiments. One generation passes into another; the millions of humanity march down the stream of time together.

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD.—Heaven and hell are in humanity, and constitute the spiritual world; the spiritual domain is mental, and is in the natural humanity,—not in the sky.

HUMAN DESTINY.—Origin and destiny are one and the same. The origin of man is God, and God is man's destiny. God is the highest product of the universe, the apex of humanity. Absorption into Nirvana is entrance into eternal life—in the interior spheres of humanity, not in the sky or atmosphere.

IMMORTALITY IN THE FLESH.—Koreshanity declares and defines the laws of immortality, and its attainment in the natural world. The first step is recognition of the Messiah and the application of his truth. KORESH was the first in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the natural world, in the flesh.

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PSYCHOLOGY.—Koreshanity points to the basis of all psychic phenomena—the

human brain. It explains the phenomena of spiritism, mental healing, etc., and teaches the science of the relation of mind and matter.

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KORESHAN SOCIALISM.—Our Social System is patterned after the form of the natural cosmos; that form is the natural expression of the laws of order. We demonstrate the fallacy of competition; advocate the destruction of the money-power; the control of the products of industry by the government, and the equitable distribution of the goods of life. Koreshanity will abolish wage slavery, and make it impossible for men to accumulate wealth and impoverish the people.

CHURCH AND STATE.—The true form of government is the divine Imperialism, the unity of church and state; such will be the Kingdom of God in earth. The Koreshan Government is the unity of the empire and the republic, involving the principles of all present forms of government, which are but fragments of the perfect system which existed in ancient times—in the Golden Age of the past. The government of the universe is imperialistic; and humanity will constitute a unit only when every class is emplaced at rest and liberty as are the strata, stars, and spheres of the physical cosmos.

The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Character of Universal Respiration.

The Natural Channels Through Which the Respiration of God and Men Enter the Subordinate Kingdoms; Diffusion and Transformation of Human Life to Elements of Inorganic Being.

TO STUDY AND COMPREHEND the character of universal respiration, the investigator should be familiar with the laws and functions of respiration as operative in animal and plant life. There cannot be a correct and fruitful study of respiratory function from the basis of physiology, as at present taught. The principles are decidedly deeper and more complex than are set forth in the works of inorganic and organic chemistry, and as formulated in the laboratory of the chemist. The first step toward a thorough knowledge of the subject now under consideration, is an appreciable conception of the law of mutation—a law lying at the very foundation of Koreshan Science and Philosophy. Atomic destructibility and the conversion of the atom to its coördinate essential fluid, must constitute a clearly-defined conception in the mind before any progress can be made toward a scientific acquisition. The elements of respiration in the air we inhale and the breath of exhalation, which together constitute the material elements and basis, merely, of respiratory function, should be studied separately and in their combinations, as elementary coördinates of the electromagnetic fluids which comprise the essential concomitant of elemental metamorphosis.

The respiration of animal life is supposed to consist of the common atmosphere, containing about four parts of nitrogen to one of oxygen, with very minute quantities of other and unimportant chemical constituents. There are about 460,800 cubic inches of common air respired by the normal adult every twenty-four

hours. The exhalation of nitrogen is equal in quantity to the amount inhaled at every respiration, but it differs in quality because that which is exhaled has gone through organic changes of vital significance, when considered in relation to the subject under discussion. The oxygen inhaled is not complemented by a corresponding exhalation of oxygen, for the oxygen is entirely consumed in the process of combustion taking place in the lungs. The process of combustion in the lungs transforms both the white and the dark blood cells, through nuptial union, to the arterial cell. The arterial or red cell is not merely an oxygenation of the blood by the absorption of oxygen. The oxygen is burned and totally destroyed as oxygen, for the operation is one of alchemical transformation and not of mere chemical change. The dark and white cells are both destroyed, and a new cell is born as a product of the union. The red or arterial cells are created in the lungs. Large quantities of nitrogen result from the transmutation. This nitrogen is animalized and exhaled.

If we enter into a more critical analysis of the respiratory function and process, we can define the character of the nitrogen and its influence upon the atmosphere, and thence its subsequent influence—through animal and vegetable respiration—upon animal and vegetable life. The pneumogastric nerve carries to the lungs large quantities of nerve juice from the brain. This tenuous and vital fluid, impregnated with all the impressions of organic form and function, infolds itself

into all the qualities of elimination, thus carrying into the respiratory debris or waste, the energies of the organic quality proceeding from the human and lower animal life. Electric and magnetic essences are incorporated with the animal nitrogen, hence the atmosphere is constantly recharged with animal life through animal respiration. The nitrogen thus thrown into the atmosphere is not merely an animal nitrogen from the organic body, but a mass of nitrogen charged with the mentality of the brains whence the mental force is generated, which must constitute a prime factor of the elimination.

The combustion in the lungs generates carbonic acid, or rather, carbonic anhydrid. This chemical is the result of the union of oxygen and carbon in the process of respiratory metamorphosis. The carbonic acid generated and exhaled is as thoroughly vitalized with animal life, as the nitrogen previously considered. No combustion can take place without the generation of magnetism and electricity; and for this reason there is a constant generation of these fluids in the respiration of human and the lower animal life, and these are commingled with the electro-magnetic fluids of the universal cosmic space. Vegetable respiration is governed by the same laws that determine the vital activities of human and animal life. The atmosphere is constantly saturated with the exhalations of vegetable respirations. What we inhale from the atmosphere is charged with the exhalations of human life, with the respiratory elaborations of the lower animal, and with vegetable elaborations. The atmosphere and its electro-magnetic fluids are vital with the emanations of organic life, and with these sources of vital energy the material earth-mass is constantly being encumbered.

A more subtle electro-magnetism is generated in the processes of sperm and germ creation and transmission, than in the processes already considered. The sperms of procreation are engendered in the fires of capillary combustion; and as no combustion can obtain without

the generation of light, heat, electricity, magnetism, scotoïne, and cruosine, it follows that, accompanying the production of the sperm, all these fluids are in constant process of generation and diffusion into the general field of energetic fluid. The sperm and germ of reproduction in human and animal life have their development correspondentially with the germ of reproduction in vegetable life. The respiration which takes place in the lungs corresponds to the action which is operative at the root of the tree; while the interior breathing of the body, which takes place at the extremity of circulation, is the correspondent of capillary breathing. The respiration of the tree through its foliage, where the seed is generated, is the correspondent of the internal breathing of the man. We here allude merely to the natural and physiological internal respiration, not to the inner, pneumo-psychic respiration.

The common atmosphere, filled with the effluvia of organic life, is continuously metamorphosing to the solidarity of the material earth; thus the earth itself is the product, to a great extent, of the substances of respiration. The very solids upon which we tread in our daily perambulations are breathed into being; and the ash of solidarity under our feet is emplaced by the fires of metamorphosis, which coincidentally integrate and disintegrate organic form and perpetuate organic function. Thus human life is diffused into and transformed to the very elements, so called, of inorganic being.

If we would know the source of the entrance of the divine life into the lower forms and qualities of nature, we must find the origin and source of the breath of God. To do this we must seek and find the God-Man. The Christ of God, from whom proceeded the holy pneuma, was the germ of recreation, and from him God's breath was generated and diffused. The reception of the Holy Spirit by the church was the source and channel of God's entrance into the life of men. Thence God, in his descending energy, passes into the lower forms and functions of existence.



Let the reader grasp emphatically and absolutely the idea that the thoughts of the mind are actual, substantial things; that the mind itself is veritable substance. Let it be also known that as the mind goes out or thinks out, the substances of thought flow out. The substances of the mind flow through the external senses, but they also flow down into the body. These thoughts flow where they are directed, and are of the kind in which men are begotten and educated. If men are educated falsely and begotten evilly, under evil influences, the thoughts of the mind flow falsely to do evil things. Thus they are dissipated and lead to disintegralism. Now, let man be educated to believe that death is finally

to be overcome; such an education will be in harmony with his desire to live. The song, the music, the aspiration of his being, will be in rapport, in harmony, with his education. Fear will be dissipated, and there will be no conflict between the aspiration and the expectation begotten of the true science of life.

Jesus was the embodiment of the divine attributes, the manifest form of those attributes. He differed from other men, in that he was the manifest life of the world, while other men are in the form and quality of death. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He could not be the Savior of the world except he was the embodiment of the salvatory attributes of the saving potency, the Divine Good and the Divine Truth.

The Problem of Human Life.

Seed-Time and Harvest in the Human World; Law of the Cross in Nature; the Tree of Life and Its Fruitage of Perfect Men.

PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

THE SCIENTIFIC stock-grower knows that by careful selection of parents that have in them the qualities which he wishes to develop, he may improve the breed until the progressive type becomes the fixed type of the higher degree, which will have these higher qualities in their perfection. If he stops the process short of the fixed type, the progress made toward that point will be lost in the subsequent haphazard breeding. If he crosses a pure-blooded white strain of fowls with a pure-blooded black one, the result will be a brood of speckled chicks, in some of which the color and qualities of the one parent will be more prominent, and in some, those of the other. If he now begins careful breeding with the view of developing each of these, and continues it to the end, he will bring out the fixed types of white and black fowls with which he began.

The development of the human race is not that of the scientific breeder, but is the result of fancy and caprice, and, of course, development of the highest type of man by such process is entirely impossible. The actual process and its results are typified by propagation of the typical fruit, the apple. The apple of good quality cannot be propagated to any considerable extent, by planting its seed.

Of all the millions of seeds that may be produced in the life of an apple-tree, but one will produce the same quality of fruit as that of the apple which contained the seed that produced that tree. So of the tree of human lives, spoken of in Revelation, which ripens its fruit every month—age, but a single ripened fruit contains the life necessary to reproduce that tree—to “guard the way of the tree of life,” for the succeeding age of twelve ages. If we can find a process by which this lower fruit of best quality can be reproduced and propagated, we may reasonably conclude that the same process on the higher plane will “guard the way of its tree of life” for succeeding ages.

The well-known and only available way for the perpetuation of the life and fruits of the higher quality, is for some seedling apple-tree to lose its life by the insertion of a bud containing the higher life, and the cutting away of the seedling tree in order to give it a chance to produce its own tree and its own fruit. This is the law of the cross. If such is the only way to propagate and continue the choicest fruits of the typical tree of life on the lower plane, we may rationally conclude that the tree of life on the higher—the human—plane produces its higher, its ripened, fruits by an analogous process. Into the body of the dying humanity must be inserted the germ of a higher—an undying, life, and in the perfection of the development that succeeds, it must produce a body that will not die any more. This is the “Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.”

There are five planes or domains of being, begin-

ning with what is not quite accurately called the inorganic, and ending with that of God, or the God-man. Each of these receives the substance for its development from one or more of the others. Any law that prevails in one of these domains will at some time be found to be operative in every other.

It is a law in the development of being, that the higher, the more important, the being produced (created), the longer the time required for its development. The time required to develop an immortal body from a seed of that kind is an age—a dispensation. If the time of the reproduction of seed on the lower plane was as long, the great mass of men would not believe that seed ever reproduced its kind. It is not wonderful, then, that men should refuse to believe that on the higher plane, seed sown 1900 years ago will yet produce a crop like the seed sown; and yet that is the only hope of humanity's redemption from its present horrible condition, in which the few, by superior cunning, have appropriated to their own use common utilities, pushing the masses in the whole world, where not into actual starvation, to the very confines of it. It was communism, the only condition in which human brotherhood is possible, that was sown. Such will be the harvest, and all mankind will enjoy it together. “Except a corn of wheat [any seed] fall into the ground and die it remaineth alone; if it die, it produceth much fruit.”

If the cycle of reproduction of the perfect fruit of the tree of lives (for the term in the Hebrew is in the plural) is an age, a dispensation, then the man who should look for such fruit before the time of its harvest, which is the end of the age, would not be wiser than he who would look for the ripened wheat a month after he had sown the seed. The time of growth of any seed is a time of conflict of germs, of birth and death, of war ending only when the more progressed germs store up their life principles in the reproduced, life-giving seed, when the conflict ends with the death of the old creation. To the thoughtful man this may explain the reason why the passing age has been one of continuous warfare, and its church has been the “church militant”—the church at war.

The time of harvest is a time of plenty, of confidence, of rejoicing, and of peace. Prophets have long foretold such a harvest for man, not in some imaginary future spiritual world, but here in earth, whose benefits all men shall reap—each in his own degree. Such harvest is at hand, but will not be reached without a struggle, the death-struggle of the old, the mightiest, most destructive the world has ever seen. The glory of the butterfly life continues only during a very brief period of its cycle of reproduction. It is perpetuated for the rest of that period in an egg, a grub, and an unsightly worm. Similar to these are the transformations of hu-

manity during its age-long cycles of progress and decay. The monster bones of prehistoric animals are proof positive that such animals once existed, and equally sure prophecy that when the conditions favorable to their return come again, they also will appear.

There is always a fallacy in the minds of men, which classes as fabulous all exploits to which the inferior powers of the men of the present are not equal. When the men return who possessed the power to hew out, transport, and elevate the stones that made the pyramids, more pyramids may be built. Jesus was talking sober truth when he said, "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye could say to this mountain, be thou

removed and cast into the sea," and it would obey you. And what will be true of physical exploits will be true of mental as well; and men will learn how to obtain and enjoy all the blessings possible to humanity. When this time comes, the inordinate vanity that puffs up the men of the present with the idea that they far surpass in intelligence all their predecessors, will vanish, and they will find that we are passing through the iron age of the world's history, and are approaching again its Golden Age, when shall be realized, here in earth, the prophecy quoted by Paul: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

The Hardening of the Heart of Pharaoh.

AMANDA T. POTTER.

THE DISSATISFACTION of atheism regarding God and the Bible, is swollen by the Biblical information that God hardened Pharaoh's heart, punished him for the possession of the hard heart, and finished his affair by drowning him like a kitten. These acts are compared with the benevolence of the ordinary sensual humanity, with the difference, per atheism, decidedly in favor of the latter; and thus glories the corruptible flesh in its self-exaltation above the character of Deity.

Mysteries of earth, sea, and air confront the atheist, and are allowed to exist as mysteries and things unseen are believed to be; yet he consigns the Word Himself to non-existence, and the Record of the Word to the field of fiction because the former is hidden from his sight, and both are veiled from his understanding. To be consistent he should declare death a disagreeable myth, and thus preserve the entirety of his family circle. But the repudiated Book bids us with all our getting to get understanding. One man has already come into the understanding of God's laws, and conforms himself thereunto. Let us learn of him:

In no realm of the universe does combustion occur without emitting a beneficent force or spirit, and also its antithet. The diamond disintegrated by electricity, no less than the glowing brazier of charcoal, sends forth its light and heat, and at the same time emits a death-dealing quality. All thought is the result of a combustion obtaining in the brain. In the supreme mental laboratory of the universe, the brain of the Almighty, by processes of combustion, pure love and wisdom, the correspondents of light and heat, are voluntarily formulated as thought, and flow to their human receptacles as a life-giving force; while the sequence, the involuntary formulation, which corresponds to the noxious qualities of the carbon in combustion, as uninterupt-

edly flow forth and seek their appropriate receptacle.

Moses—in whom resided God—was, in his relation to the Hebrew race, the beneficent pole of an axis of which Pharaoh was the antithetical pole. God's thought toward the Hebrew, formulated of pure love and wisdom, was elaborated in the brain of Moses and manifested through the function of Moses' exterior mind, which was the receptacle of God's thought. Pharaoh, who was self-seeking and of reprobate mind, was the desired receptacle of the involuntary thought or power of God. Whenever God's thoughts impelled Moses to attempt the release of Israel, this counter or involuntary thought or power of Deity sought its kindred sphere in the heart of the Egyptian king, until the vortices of his iniquity were replete, and the natural environment had provided all the experiences necessary to the existing stage of his retrogressive progression. At this period he was furnished the incident which closed the door upon the natural sphere and opened it upon the spirit side of existence, where he was to meet a co-ordinating experience.

The Almighty declares that he has no pleasure in the death of him that dies. In the announcement that He would harden Pharaoh's heart, he but stated the inevitable procedure of those laws which exist and have always existed as component factors of his being. In the death of Pharaoh God was no more culpable than he will be when, in a few decades, millions upon millions now visible will have passed out. The passing of the millions and the passing of Pharaoh are alike due to transgressed law. When men become what many men now declare themselves to be—sons of God, they will understand all law and, through perfect obedience to it, will be able to pass out by a way which corresponds to that living way through which the Christ retired nineteen hundred years ago.



Jesus did not in the one incarnation, which was manifest at the commencement of the Christian era, take upon himself the sinful human nature.

The purposes for which government is instituted are the equitable adjustment of all human relations and the righteous conduct of human affairs.

Returning to the Historical Christ.

Endeavor of the Church to Play Hamlet with the Part of Hamlet Left Out; What it Means to Follow the Christ; Failure of the Church to Come up to the Standard.

PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

ACCORDING to a report in *The Advance*, "Returning to the Historical Christ" was the principal theme of discussion at the recent meeting of the Congregational Association of the state of Ohio. Attention was called to twelve particulars in which such return, in these later times, was affirmed. Some even declared that there never had been any departure from His ways, which are "ways of pleasantness, and all his paths are peace." "In Theology" was one of the matters in which there was said to be return to "the historical Christ."

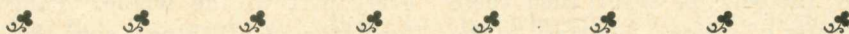
It is doubtful whether one of them actually believes in the historical Christ, who, according to Paul's plain teaching, was not one person of a tripersonal god, but "the fulness of the Godhead bodily"—in a body; and as the same Apostle taught Him to the learned heathen Athenians, he was the God that made heaven and earth, and all that is in them. The prophet Isaiah said of Him, "The government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." He himself told the Jews that the God they worshiped was his Father, and he plainly taught that that Father dwelt in him. Conversion was said to be "Turning from self and sin to such a glorious Christ." A single plain passage of Scripture ought to show them that, both theoretically and practically, they are in ignorance of the fundamental nature of sin, and so, of turning to Christ, which is turning to God. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

Turning to Christ, if it means anything, means becoming like Christ. No man becomes like Christ who does not follow him in this vital point of the transmission of his seed. Jesus said: "The children of this world [Greek, age] marry and are given in marriage. But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world [age] and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal to the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection." These being reproduced from Christ, the Sower of the seed and the seed itself, "not seeds as of many, but thy seed, which is Christ," will have turned to Christ—to God, and it will be true of them as it was of Christ, that they are "born of God," and hence cannot sin: and, as it was with Jesus, their seed remaineth in them, and they cannot sin because they are born of God. No man can live in the lusts of the flesh and at the same time be born of God.

Another of the points in which there was said to be a return to "the historical Christ," was "In Family Life." If we may trust his own words, Jesus' idea of the true family life was entirely different from that of these good people. It was not at all confined to the limits of natural kindred, but was constituted of none others than those who became His disciples. "But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And He stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Practically, these constituted the household for which He provided as a father. When He went away by a change of his whole person to Spirit—Holy Ghost, and that Spirit entered into his disciples, every one who received it immediately went and sold his possessions and laid the proceeds at the Apostles' feet, and distribution was made to every man that had need. All that received that Spirit "had all things common," because it was one family, of which he was the head—the Father.

If these people are turning to the historical Christ "In Family Life," they show no such signs of it as did the early Christians—Christ's actual family. Again, and finally, for the purpose of this article, there was an effort to show that there was a return to Christ "In Society." The only society that Christ instituted or approved was that of a common, equal brotherhood, in which all the members were equal participants. His little family had a common purse; and when his Spirit—the Holy Ghost, came into his disciples after his going away, the Record is very plain: "And all that believed were together, and had all things common: And sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men, as every man had need."

It will be a glad day to the suffering, toiling earth, when the professed followers of Christ actually turn to Christ "In society." That time will not come until a new Spirit—the true Holy Ghost, comes again into those who desire it, as it did nineteen hundred years ago. Having, as the divine seed, died in humanity, it is true of this time, as it was of that which was spoken of in John vii: 39, "The Holy Ghost is not yet," does not yet exist. Jesus said: "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you." When he comes, he will come in a man "born in sin and shapen in iniquity," as Elijah was, but who finally has "overcome" and become holy, when he will go away, sending the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, as Jesus did. Then and not before, there will be an actual "turning to the historical Christ."



The family love is purely animal and supremely selfish. The very covenant itself was established with

Abraham in obedience to the divine mandate to sacrifice the love of the natural offspring.

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

LIBERTY BELL vibrated the hearts of Americans on July Fourth, 1776—one hundred and twenty-four years ago, when the Declaration was made complete by the last signature. A new nation was born to battle with the stern realities of history. We look back upon the horizon of the new world, and see the manifest spirit of liberty impulsing Columbus and the early adventurers, and inviting to the great West the persecuted peoples of Europe. Though liberty moved the hearts of thousands, it did not find expression in the generations of the world four hundred years ago. That spirit confronted the perils of poverty; it engaged in centuries of work and war; it faced the frontier at Plymouth, and fought the Indians, while it toiled in its manifold embodiments in the personalities of the pioneers. The spirit of liberty has gained many victories in the Western world since Columbus came, since the persecuted Puritans embarked on the Mayflower. The defeat of George III was a victory of the spirit of liberty over tyranny. 13 states were declared independent by word, and were made independent by war; but the war of liberty did not end with the founding of the American republic, because liberty was not yet attained; true liberty is not yet realized, because the enemies of liberty are the more powerful. Republicanism has been a makeshift, while the spirit of liberty completes its line of experience necessary to its final involution and expression in the world of man. The greatest battle is yet to be fought; another war of revolution must come to remove the obstacles which a false liberty, a greedy license, has placed in the way. The great bell which sounded the glad news of the independence of the American states, *cracked* many years ago; and since then it has given out discordant vibrations, which correspond to the divided political sentiment in America. The old Declaration of Independence has passed into history; it recounted the acts of a tyrant a century and a quarter ago. We now meet new issues, and other forms of bondage more terrible than those which England imposed. The new Declaration must be the Proclamation of Interdependence, inaugurating the new government which shall involve both church and state, having for its Head the Almighty himself in the natural world, on a tangible throne!

Opposed to the speculative is the demonstrative. A true theory is always demonstrable, but a fallacious hypothesis is incapable of proof. For this reason modern science has never been proved to be true; and it will never be proved, because it is false! We have said that art demonstrates the truth of Koreshanity, because art is opposed to the speculative; art is one indisputable form of demonstration. Art is the embodiment of beautiful thought, of high ideals, of lofty conceptions, in forms that are tangible to the senses; it is artistic construction or expression. The principles of music are demonstrated, music itself is expressed, when the vibrations thrill the soul. The highest conceptions of the artist are transformed to the canvas, to the clay model, to the marble statue. The various forms of art constitute language, expression, the projection of idea, the communication of thought. Art demonstrates the Koreshan Cosmogony. A drawing is just as scientific and as accurate as language. Perspective belongs to the branch of projective geometry, and is mathematical. Every picture, sketch, and drawing, true to nature, embodies scientific principles; it must have the station or view point, the point of sight; then there are the *direct radials* from the center of vision,—contrary to the usual conception that we see, not from ourselves, but only as circumferences and areas impress us. Sight is subjective and

projective; objectives lie in the field of visual projection. Art is founded upon such absolutely scientific principles, so thoroughly in accord with Nature, so true to actual things as to necessitate, in every picture, the *vanishing line*; and if the landscape or waterscape extend to that line, it is the *horizon*, the limit of lateral vision. In the scientific language of the artist, in the language of projective geometry, *the horizon of the sea is the vanishing line*, not the apex of the bulge of a supposed convexity!

Prof. Barrows, of Oberlin College, grows prophetic and endeavors to look into the future to the time when the great social problems shall have been solved, the churches brought together, the nations drawn into a great brotherhood, and the era of barbarism reduced. In common with other modern minds, he recognizes the growing tendency to cosmopolitanism, to the conduct of things on the universal scale; and he imagines that the time is coming when the great religious denominations shall become one, when the nations of the world will refrain from war. It would please the popular mind to have a new era without a new religion, to have a new world without a new humanity. Slightly changing and patching up the old order, is as far as the unscientific mind can go in conception of world-renovation and reformation. The new plant is created by the seed that is borne by the old; with the coming of the harvest the old plant dies. The church has been torn asunder by the inevitable forces of progress. It is useless to talk of permanent readjustment of the old fragments, the elements of declension, the fruits of apostasy. The new world will begin with the new church and state, a new social order, a new system of human relations. Before humanity becomes a brotherhood, there must be a new Father and Mother to stand at the head of the great family and arrange all the members under one great system of government, which shall be the natural and scientific correlate and correspondent of the great government of the physical cosmos. The Koreshan Prophet looks into the future with the ability to create the conditions which law, progress, and justice demand; the false prophets dream dreams that will never be fulfilled!

Nothing can be absolute that is not definite and finished, complete and limited. God is absolute when he is perfect in his own tabernacle of perfect human flesh. Absolutes have their limits and their certainties; they *are* the limits and the boundaries, the fulness and the completeness of all things. Absolute states are states in which there are no degrees—they are always superlatives. The nature of a circle makes it absolutely round; there is nothing rounder than the circle, nothing squarer than the square; nothing purer than Deity, nothing truer than truth; nothing smaller than the atom, nothing greater than the whole; nothing higher than the Most High, nothing lower than the lowermost, nothing longer than eternity. There is nothing beyond the limits of the universe, because the universe cannot be fuller than the fulness of itself alone. As a whole, the universe is absolute—there is nothing more; if there were, there could be no completion of that which is. Nothing but the Absolute can absolve the world and bring it to the ultimate purpose of its own existence. The Absolute is the junction and unity of the first and the last, the pivot of relation of every part to the whole. Language itself demonstrates the limitation of all things, even the limitation of Deity. Limitation is pictured in art, heard in music, felt in life, written in Nature. Without limitation, there could be no perfection, no

climax, no apex, no acme. The *ne plus ultra* of life is the Absolute—the finished and created personal Deity; there is nothing beyond Him, because he is the limit, the Head, the summing up, the involution, and the destiny of all.

A glance at the headlines of a modern daily, in the pivotal year of the centuries, reveals actual conditions defying the universal peace of the world! The world does not know that the fruits of progress of a dispensation involve, in a nucleus, the germs of the new age; and that the great circumference of humanity at the close of a dispensation—that is, the forms and conditions, expresses the effete thought of the age, the discarded substances of spheres of intense activity. We can observe the dying stalk and discover no elements of progress; the stalk constitutes the sheath of progress of life; and the life involves in the climax at the top. The modern world, with its church and state, and all other departments of human relations, is comprised of the fermenting elements of corruption; hence war and revolution are inevitable. The following headlines from dailies are indications of the coming storm: "Fear reigns throughout Europe; trouble started by the Boxers may have as its Sequel a Conflict involving the entire World!—Partition the Issue; Alarm over the Possibility that International interests may soon clash.—Peace halts upon China and Africa; Britain sees little hope of lifting clouds from the Orient and the dark Continent.—Sequel to Land Grabbing; Greed of Powers is blamed for Crisis in China.—Days of Massacres Revived.—Want Stalks everywhere; Woman with babe in arms, seeks aid of Unions in vain.—Actual War in China; 360,000 Chinese soldiers surround Peking.—Four big Armies move in South Africa." Benign influence of Christian civilization!

The republican platform of 1900, like the platform of 1896, is a skilful compromise, an artistic obscuration of the republican attitude concerning a number of issues. It was too early in the campaign to decide whether or not the currency issue would be revived and vigorously pushed by the democrats; so virtually, the same absurd position is taken now as four years ago, in the promise that republicans will fight free silver, at the same time soliciting co-operation of other nations in the introduction of the double-standard! Then we hear about protection, that which has made the trusts; and in almost the same breath opposition to the trusts is promised, as well as the inauguration of a system of reciprocity as an aid to labor. The Isthmian Canal issue is covered up in abstruse terms; but on the Cuban and Philippine situations, the platform is more pronounced. Prosperity is mentioned in connection with war—showing to what extent the war spirit is in harmony with the spirit of competition! There is one well-defined line marking the course of America under the republican administration, the passing and the promised; and that line involves expansion of the government of the United States; the fostering of the trusts, and consequent labor troubles; and complication in international affairs which must hasten the culmination. The elephant marches into the circus gaudily dressed, with all his riders and followers in harmony; there is the symbol and the semblance of organic unity, now in control of the entire arena. Will fate fulfil fortune or failure for the new ticket?

To live, or not to live: that is the question: | whether 'tis nobler in the mind, to suffer | the pangs and sorrows of hell's corruption, | or to take arms against the powers of death, | and, by opposing, end them. Some wish to live | no more; we long to live that we may end | the heartaches and the thousand natural shocks | that flesh is heir to. 'Tis a consummation | to be reached by science. Some wish to live; | they try, and fail to live: ay, there's the rub! | The sleep of death is but the sensu-

ous dream | of ev'ry vidual in mortal coil. | Remove the cause; there's the promise | of reward in joys of immortal life— | freedom from the whips and scorns of time, | the oppressor's wrong, and the proud world's contumely. | Joys of purest love come when law's obeyed | through knowledge of Deity; when man spurns | the sensual courses the unworthy takes, | he rises above men of common make | into life's fortune. Who would laurels bear, | and sit as King o'er world of human life, | but he who triumphs over monster Death | and discovers spheres and plains from whose bourne | the Messengers return whene'er they will, | to lift the world above the ills they have | and give them the life they now know not of? | Experience makes great heroes of all, | when the mighty forces of resolution | cycle to the ultimate form of Truth, | of Science, to solve the world's great issues; | when all the systems current turn awry | and lose the name of action! Immortal | the heroic KORESH! Triumph o'er Death, | and lead the world to freedom!

After Koreshanity has been taught in the world for thirty years; after repeated illustrations and demonstrations in Koreshan publications, that the anatomy of the physical cosmos corresponds in every particular to the anatomy of man, it is easy for some publications to appear to be scientific by making similar assertions, without attempting to dissect cosmical anatomy for the benefit of the readers. If this idea had never appeared in THE FLAMING SWORD, it would never have been published in an exchange before us: "The anatomy and physiology of the universe now demand our attention. From general human experience and testimony through all the ages that have passed and gone, we are compelled to recognize that the universe must be an individual, organic structure that is self-existent and eternal." When KORESH speaks of the anatomy of the universe, he does not fail to fill out the rounded, symmetrical, and finished structure, which exists according to the laws of order, possessing such functions as enable it to involve itself, and reproduce itself from itself. If the form of the universe does not correspond to the form of man, of what form is it? Modern scientists have no conception of a structured universe; and no mind accepting the general so called scientific conclusions concerning the universe, can consistently state that the universe is an organic structure. The Copernican universe is *not* a unit, for it has no center nor circumference—consequently no form!

"Death Defeated, or Psychic Secret of How to Keep Young," is the name of a new book which invites public attention. Buddha taught a doctrine of absorption into Nirvana; but he failed to be absorbed—he died like other men. Madame Blavatsky wrote concerning the mysteries of life and immortality, but she finally succumbed to the arch-enemy; and scores of teachers today who are advocating that it is not necessary to grow old and die, are aging and must finally enter the spiritual world through the old route of corruptible dissolution. It is easy to write a book in which death is defeated in words; it is quite another thing to defeat death itself—to destroy the "last enemy." The Bible records a number of instances of triumph over death; but each man who so triumphed was a Messiah, and was bold enough to proclaim his mission! Advocates of theories of immortality without scientific evidence of the possibility of the attainment of such a state, occupy a situation which co-ordinates with a striking contrast between man and theory, concerning which we have read: "Who is that little dried-up consumptive over there, who seems so near the grave, but who appears to be so flush of money?" asked a gentleman of his friend at a ball. "Oh! that's Mr. Nutgrape, the celebrated manufacturer of the hygienic, never-sick health foods!"

After mentioning Koreshan Cosmogony in connection with a few modern vagaries concerning the existence of the universe, *Harmony* says: "We will not pause to consider all of these theories, as they have been overthrown time and again by our foremost men of science. Common sense reveals to us the fact that the universe is a structure." We suggest that it be shown *how* and *when* any "foremost man of science" has ever overthrown the Koreshan Cosmogony. The author of the above quotation has paused long enough to assert that the universe is a structure—a statement he has borrowed from Koreshanity, a statement directly opposed to every conclusion of modern astronomy. If the universe is a structure, it has definite form and consequent limitation. It is a living, organic whole, a cell, because all life is cellular. A cell has a physical wall as its circumference, and has nucleus at its center; and its life and functions inhere *in* the form. We are *inhabitants* of the earth. Scientists who desire to get all the people on the outside, need to abolish the meaning of words, and to destroy the very roots of life and language. The *whole* universe means the *hollow* world, because whole and hollow are derived from the same root. The universe is a unit; it consists of all that makes up one system—not millions of systems!

"Thank heaven, truth can never be monopolized," exclaims a mental scientist, for the purpose of fighting the conviction that KORESH has discovered the whole in a universal nutshell. Indeed! This would prevent the Almighty from ever knowing it all himself! It is admitted that there is such a thing as truth; but the common idea is, that it is scattered through the world in fragments in such hopeless unreachableness as to preclude the possibility of any one getting all of it. We maintain, that no one can know the absolute truth of any part of the universe without knowing its relation to the whole. The absolute truth cannot come in pieces. Jesus had the monopoly of truth, and this fact constituted him the world's great Teacher. If truth were free to be obtained by any one directly, without a teacher, then the mission of Jesus was useless. Truth is not merely it, but Him, the personal Deity. Divine truth is actual substance imparted from the divine personality—and personality is tangible. He who discovers truth in its fulness, discovers *all* there is of truth; he involves it; he monopolizes, and becomes the only Door.

Proctor placed the earth among the infinities, and made it a mere atom in a limitless universe of suns and stars. He computed the vast volume of energies radiating from the sun, the center of "our solar system;" but think of all the energies radiating from Sirius, supposed to be a thousand times larger than the sun—think of the billions of other supposed suns scattered throughout infinite space, some a million times larger than our diurnal luminary, "with all their attendant systems, speeding with inconceivable rapidity on their several courses"! It is no wonder that he asked at the conclusion of a work: "Have we not better reason than the astronomers had of old time, to consider the mysteries of the universe as fully revealed to us and interpreted? We know much that was unknown until of late, and we have been enabled to understand some matters which once seemed inexplicable; but the star depths as we see them now, are even more mysterious as well as far more wonderful than as displayed to the astronomers of old!"

The American republic began 124 years ago; but the entire movement pivoted upon its hero—the noble Washington. Washington lived, and the Goddess of Liberty stands at the door of Western commerce, an image of bronze. The new Washington, a representative of humanity as a whole, must be the hero

of the new age; and because he comes, there must stand at the very opening of the world's commerce of life in all planes, the genuine Goddess of Liberty, in the tangible form of the world's Empress!

Even every fancy is a reality, because all thought is substance. Fallacy is as tangible as truth; the difference is that the embodiment of fallacy is in the devils, while the complete embodiment of truth is in the personal, immortal form of Deity. Truth and fallacy meet in the same world; God and the devil operate in the same field, and both are inseparably connected with humanity. They are at the extremes of Luman life; God and the devil are personal—they are *men*!

He who loves humanity as a whole, does not desire the independence of any portion of it. Declarations of independence destroy the notes of harmony, segment the world, and reduce it to chaos. When the scientific Proclamation of Interdependence is made, true liberty will come to the world, and humanity will constitute a brotherhood!

A dispensation of time is a cycle of life of a specific degree and quality; a day created by the rising Sun; a period of the administration, progress, and declension of vital substances imparted from a Messianic personality; the length of time elapsing between seed-sowing and harvest in the human world.

The earth breathes; the bosom of the ocean heaves the swelling tide as the lungs of the earth fill with energies from the atmosphere; and the ebb is reached through the exhalations of the briny deep.

"Vote as you strike," suggests a labor journal. The advice is not necessary; there are riots enough at elections without having the striking mobs at the poles!

The ballot-box is the national lottery-chest in which for tunes are lost by the people who cast their votes; the winners are those who hold the lucky numbers!

America has fired both the Chinese and the crackers from China; and now the Chinese have begun the work of firing the crackers of China-ware.

"Curtail the trusts," exclaims the modern "reformer." That is the trouble now; the trusts constitute the cur-tail which wags the dog.

The Chinese supply fireworks for Americans; but all the civilized powers are required to furnish fireworks this year for the Chinese.

Patriotism is loud on the Fourth of July; then there are numerous explosions of speakers and cannon firecrackers.

England forced the opium door to China; and now the nations demand the open door to the imperial palace!

Koreshanity is the principal System, because it is the System of principles.

In the conduct of the competitive business the people are all a-greed!

The Boxers in China are handling the foreigners without gloves!

The nations *encored* the Boers; and scenes of war begin again!

One and God do not make the majority that elects presidents.

The astronomer's explanation of the tides is moonshine!

The course of human events is down the stream of time.

War and competition go hand in hand.

Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

THE EDITOR.

Infallibility of the Absolute Truth.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—During the past eight years I have read much of heterodox literature, particularly that of the occult, including hypnotism, spiritualism, theosophy, christian science, Mormonism, Adventism, etc., and feel that I have been benefited by this course of reading, since it has taught me that there is more or less truth and error in all these teachings, and that it is the duty of each of us to sift the wheat from the chaff, and appreciate that which is good from all, for our spiritual and material unfoldment.

I have seen the statement that the Koreshans are a unit in believing in the divine commission of their Leader, KORESH. Does this mean that you believe that he is infallible in judgment and wisdom? and would you agree to make any man, though a great genius and perhaps divinely inspired, an absolute dictator? I have been in the habit of thinking that all the great geniuses, such as poets, inventors, etc., are inspired. Many a great and good man in the past has been misguided into a belief of his own infallible wisdom, but subsequent events have proven that no man, though almost worthy of the name of a God, has ever possessed the whole truth. God in his wisdom gives to each of us, from time to time, more and more of his secrets to understand, and just in proportion as we are prepared to assimilate his truths, the light comes to us. God Almighty alone possesses omniscience; hence, he is the only trustworthy dictator, to whose will we should become wholly submissive.—READER.

If there were no other way of arriving at the truth than by investigating the hundreds of theories promulgated in the world, running them through the mental sifter and selecting that which we fancy to be the truth, then it might be profitable, though quite laborious, to pursue such a course; but if after we have gone through all the modern fallacies, we learn that they are contradictory and inconsistent, without demonstrated premises and proven conclusion, containing nothing that is absolute, then we should consider our time thrown away; for what profit would there be, after all this work, to learn in the end that one must find the truth himself? Mental chaos today results from the endeavor to taste, here and there, things that are new; and the modern world corresponds to the situation on Mars Hill, in Athens, when visited by Paul, who proclaimed the truth in the field of discontent and dissatisfaction.

Whether it is safer for each mind, without any definite premise, to become its own absolute dictator, a self-constituted arbiter of the great conflict of forces, or follow in the line of logic in a System where, in the purification of truth, all fallacy has been sifted out by the hand of the Almighty, every one may conclude for himself. It seems never to have occurred to the modern world, that there

are natural processes in the progress of human life, whereby the substances of truth and life are involved and manifest in personality. This is as natural as the purification of the life of the plant in its involution in the seed—as natural as the processes by which the central sun is in touch with every atom of the physical cosmos.

There is a world of difference between Koreshanity and the isms of modern times! In the current so called systems there are no scientific conclusions; they contain beliefs, impressions, and guesses—conclusions reached from assumed premises. Truth in its purity is absolutely infallible; and that mind is infallible that possesses it. The absolute truth is divine; and the whole truth is divine science,—divine omniscience; and the Teacher of the whole truth is the only trustworthy dictator to which the *rational* mind can be submissive. We cannot conceive of the possibility of an unknown and unknowable Deity being the absolute dictator in the affairs of men.

Jesus the God-man was absolute Dictator in the degree in which he came nineteen hundred years ago; he began a crusade against the spiritual forces of evil. Jesus was a tangible man; he taught the whole truth in the philosophic degree. The same truth, metamorphosed to the scientific degree, coming with the same authority, absoluteness, and infallibility—the all-knowledge in its ultimate form, is now expressed to the world as Koreshan Universology. Truth has been involved in its completeness in the personality who dares, as Jesus did, to proclaim the purpose of his coming, and assert his rights, claims, and authority. It is this fact that makes Koreshans a unit in the recognition of the mission of the Messenger of divine truth—a unit in the endeavor to rationally obey the laws of life, which he enunciates as the only way of scientific salvation.

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Where the Fun of It Is.

Many funny things have been written in the name of science, but nothing yet published equals CELLULAR COSMOGONY; or, the Concave Sphere, by KORESH, known in every-day life as DR. CYRUS R. TEED, of Chicago. Some few years ago, a brilliant genius published a book to prove that the world is flat. CYRUS goes this man one better, and publishes a book to prove that the earth is a shell, and that we are living on the inside of it. Within this hollow sphere only 8,000 miles in diameter are the sun, moon, and all the stars, besides comets, milky way, etc. As a novelty, the work is well worth reading; but as the distinguished author fails to show how all these things be, or at least fails to show them to the satisfaction of the general reader, the book cannot be regarded seriously. *Sunday World-Herald*, Omaha, Neb.

Without question, we have the laugh on the astronomer who assumes that 1,500,000,000 people are riding around through space on an earth-ship, flying at the rate of about 19 miles per second!

The last laugh is always the best. The world laughed when Columbus proposed funny things regarding world-expansion; but when Columbus laughed, the clergymen and the scientists were chagrined; and Harvey's laugh shattered the foundation of the old physiology. When the Almighty laughs, he will disintegrate every fallacy under the sun!

Jesus did not prove to the satisfaction of everybody that he was the Christ; yet he triumphed. It should not be surprising that the Man who has come to overthrow "science falsely so called," to "turn the wisdom of the wise backward, and make their knowledge foolishness," should not be able to immediately convince the millions that the universe is a great cell; and perhaps the daily press will be the last to see the point!

"The book cannot be regarded seriously"? Truth always furnishes amusement for fools. There has never been a great teacher that has not been the object of the world's ridicule, and KORESH is no exception; but in the world's great laughing contest, the Man who has the truth will win. We are now laughing at the huge joke which the modern scientists have ignorantly invented for the world to regard seriously; and when the masses of the world learn through the promulgation of Koreshanity that popular science is a humbug, they will join in the great and lasting laugh which will make them forget the fakes, fads, and fallacies of the nineteenth century!

Catching the Spirit of Progress.

That unique journal, THE FLAMING SWORD, published at Chicago, is quick to catch the spirit of progress that is moving the world. It says:

"Nineteen hundred years ago the spiritual part of man was converted; and now the time comes when there will be a transformation of the external man, through the application of the laws of life, by which death will be overcome, and this mortal body shall become immortal—not in some other world, but here in this world, in the flesh!"

This to some may seem strong language, but to the more studious it is the primitive inspiration of a great truth—that time is evolving. Humanity's brightest days are ahead of the present generation, and the *Hustler* takes pride in recording the fact.—*The Hustler*, Needham, Ind.

When Jesus caught the spirit of progress he became the pole which moved the world; he was the personality through whom that spirit impelled humanity. He monopolized all authority in heaven and in earth, and left all others behind; millions became his followers. Leaders always catch the spirit of progress; they are the pivots upon which the world swings.

THE FLAMING SWORD is the expression of the spirit of progress which was caught by the Koreshan Leader 30 years ago. THE SWORD has not joined a general movement of modern journals in promul-

gating the idea that death may be overcome; KORESH was the first teacher in modern times to announce the possibility of overcoming death in the body, and his publications were the first to define the laws of immortality. There are other publications now advocating that man may not die; but they have received the idea from its source—from the Man who has involved the spirit of progress. "This to some may seem strong language, but to the more studious, it is the primitive inspiration of a great truth."

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The Truth of Koreshanity.

Brief Synopsis of Lecture Delivered by the Founder of Koreshanity, to His People and Friends in Chicago.

"**H**UMAN ORIGIN AND DESTINY" was the subject of discourse by KORESH, on Sunday afternoon, June 17, when the modern theories of evolution and "higher criticism" were thoroughly analyzed, in contrast with the scientific conclusions of Koreshanity. The question of the origin and destiny of man has puzzled great minds for ages past; there have always been a few minds desirous of knowing whence man came and whither he is going.

In modern times such men as Darwin, Spencer, and others have speculated concerning the creation of man; and the conclusion has been reached that man originated in the protoplasm—that all life has evolved from the lowest forms of life. If man originated in the protoplasm, then the protoplasm is his destiny; if he originated in the baboon, then his destiny is the baboon! Spencer saw the force of logic as applied to the protoplasm, and reached the conclusion that the world would ultimately return to that state of homogeneity whence it sprang.

In contrast with the usual conceptions of evolution, KORESH placed some fundamentals of Koreshan Science; and these fundamentals lead directly to consideration of the laws of creation, hence, to theology. If we consider theology, we must consider the meaning of some of the words and names employed to describe the character and attributes of Deity. The higher critics, in ignorance of what and where God is, divide the writers of the Bible into two general classes—one class being Elohist, and the other, Jehovist; the two classes having different conceptions, it is supposed, of God. The trouble is, that the higher critics cannot understand what the writers of the Bible intended to convey. The Bible teaches, from beginning to end, that God is in humanity—that he is in the generation of the righteous.

There is in every man that which corresponds to Elohi and that which corresponds to Jehovah; the Elohist principle is intellectual, while the Jehovist is affectional; one is the intellect, and the other is love. Intellection and affection correspond to light and heat, to electricity and magnetism; they are mental,—the

light and heat of the mind. When the Bible refers to Elohi, it refers to the divine intellect and its manifestation, the divine Light, the divine Sun; and when it refers to Jehovah, it means the love of God and its manifestation in humanity—not outside of the human world, because intellection and affection are factors of human life in human form.

The meaning of the words Elohi and Jehovah demonstrates that God is in humanity—not as a mere principle, but as mental light and heat, which periodically manifest in God's own tangible personality in the natural world. Jesus was Jehovah, the manifestation of the love of God; he was the Creator of the universe, the divine Seed, the involution from which all evolution springs. He was the perfect man; he was the origin and destiny of man, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.

The primitive Christian church declared the human God; it declared the gospel of the God-man, the manifestation of God, the Messiah, the pole of the great human battery, the creative pivot, the Head of the dispensation. He sowed himself in the soil of the mortal world; he dissolved his body, and imparted the substance of his flesh to his disciples, giving to as many as received him the power to become the sons of God in the resurrection, the harvest of the age, when the will of God will be done in earth in all domains of human activity. This will be accomplished through the establishment of the new social order, the new system of government, the universal Kingdom, foreseen by the prophets, and promised in every great Covenant of the past.

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Shifting Sands of "Science."

Professor Dolliver Itemizes the Bequests of a Dying System.

EVERYBODY is aware that the mental products of this century are great. It is often said, and said truly, that more has been accomplished in this century than in all preceding centuries. These are the bequests of the nineteenth century to the twentieth:

1. The discovery that almost everything which had been held as truth in preceding centuries was not true. The discovery of the conservation of energy made it necessary to reorganize the whole of physical and chemical science. Before that, all kind of knowledge was scrappy, not worthy the name of science, and no one had the clue to its proper organization. This century has settled that.

2. The discovery that the sun, and moon, and stars are condensations from widely diffused gases, through the agency of gravitation alone. That forms, sizes, distances, motions, and physical conditions and ages are all correlated, and their creation in the old sense was untrue. This century has settled that.

3. The discovery of means and methods for measuring the size of the visible universe, for detecting and measuring the rates of movement of bodies so distant

that thousands of years are needed for their light to reach us. The discovery that the whole of the visible creation is of one piece, made of the same elements, and following the same laws. This century has settled these things.

4. The discovery of the ether, as a substance not made up of molecules as is matter, and as essential for the phenomena of light, electricity, and magnetism, and probably of both gravitation and the body of matter itself; altogether a transforming conception of the nature of physical phenomena, of which there was not even a glimpse prior to this century.

5. The discovery of the genetic relations among all plants and animals, including man, not as an idea or possibility, but a veritable proposition, in accordance with all facts, discordant with none. Mr. Darwin's work stands unique. Like a great tidal wave it has swept away every vestige of the old theories concerning the origin of living forms. Mankind could adjust their thinking without much difficulty to the nebula theory, but not to the idea that man had arboreal ancestors, and those still lower forms, even to nomads. The controversy has been settled by the date. There is no choice. The old has not simply been displaced; it has been annihilated, and cannot again be rehabilitated.

6. Anthropological and historical research has made the old histories of mankind valueless. Has not the great pyramid of Egypt been built 6,000 years, and have we not Babylonian books made 9,000 years ago? Has not the Peabody Museum in Cambridge bushels of hand-made implements made in New Jersey in glacial times? Did not the Calaveras skull man live as much as a hundred thousand years ago? Did Moses write the Pentateuch? Did 600,000 Israelites leave Egypt in a body about 1,400 years B. C.? Does the book of Daniel present authentic history? Did Herodotus and Diodorus write real history, and is Rollin trustworthy? What has been found is that none of this is true, and the whole territory had to be resurveyed as completely as if none of them had written a word. Champoleon himself was but 10 years of age at the beginning of this century. The data for the interpretation of ancient history have all been acquired during the century, and their nature has been such as to disprove almost everything of importance deemed historical before this century. On the other hand, no one will even dispute our records of the land of Egypt or Babylonia.

7. The study of nerves and their function has negated the former conceptions of the relations of life and mind to body, the determining power of heredity rather than environment or training in advancing human interests, and these are showing themselves now in the modifications in educational, religious, and penal institutions.

8. The New Geometry is so new it has born little fruit as yet, but it threatens to modify philosophy as much as evolution has modified former notions of nature.

Lastly, the notion of what science is, is profoundly different from what it was in any preceding century. It is knowledge that can pass all criticism. An abstract of things as they are, and truth, constitute the substance of uniform experience.

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Vaccination Denounced.

The Practice Vigorously Scored by a Philadelphia Attorney.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15. — C. Oscar Beasley, as counsel for C. J. Field, has concluded his argument before Judges Penny-packer and Sulzberger in behalf of a mandamus to compel the principal of the Keystone school to admit the plaintiff's daughter without being vaccinated. Mr. Beasley was armed with statistics from every part of the world where vaccination has ever been used as a preventive of smallpox, including the report of the Royal Commission of London, which spent seven years in investigating the subject, and numerous affidavits of physicians in this country, prominent among them being that of Dr. Welsh, superintendent of the Municipal Hospital, all tending to show that vaccination is not a preventive of smallpox; that it does not mitigate the disease or lessen the danger of contracting it, but on the contrary has no relation to smallpox, but is itself a disease of a loathsome and dangerous character.

Mr. Beasley contended that the only way to cure smallpox and prevent its spread, was the adoption of sanitary measures and isolation. He said that vaccine virus is nothing more than a filthy poison—the word virus meaning poison—and there are 13 farms in the United States where it is manufactured; that it is a commercial commodity over which neither the government nor state exercises any supervision, notwithstanding the fact that the government expert, who was appointed to examine the product of these farms, reported that in every one of his examinations he found poisonous germs, and the doctors themselves admit that the vaccine points should never be used after they have been kept for thirty days.

He also said that with our own soldiers, who were vaccinated by the government's orders before they went on the transports, and again vaccinated when they disembarked at Manila, the official statistics show that more than 20 per cent of the deaths among the soldiers in Manila are caused by smallpox. He told the Court that if they would examine into this subject they would be appalled at the deception which has been practiced on the public by the medical profession, mainly through ignorance; and he would say to the Court that he has proof in his possession which he intends to present before the criminal branch of the administration of justice, that the very calves which were inoculated on some of the vaccine farms, after being kept for eight days, are carted away in the night time and are sold in the Philadelphia markets as fresh meat. There was no crime on the statute books that would equal the enormity of this law that makes the vaccination of school children compulsory.

Mr. Alcorn, in his reply, did not discuss the merits of vaccination, but contended that the Court had no alternative but to assume that the compulsory vaccination act was passed for the general welfare, and had no power to compel the respondent to disobey the law of the legislature by admitting Victoria Field to school. The Court held the matter under consideration.—Concord (N. H.) *Patriot*.

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What we have written above is extracted from a number of articles in THE FLAMING SWORD, and we confess that most of it "is Greek" to us. Mrs. Lydia Gray is canvassing the city for the Koreshan book, CELLULAR COSMOGONY, and will no doubt elucidate the mysteries of the new discovery to all who wish to understand it.—*Gazette*, Raton, N. M.

Do We Inhabit the Earth?

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The World's News.

June 20.—Republican convention in progress at Philadelphia; platform adopted; Hanna rules supreme, and republicans are in harmony.—Great alarm in Europe and America for whites in China; legations reported destroyed, and foreigners massacred at Pekin; Japan mobilizes 25,000 men for immediate transport to China; foreign and native Christians are being killed by the hundreds.—Boers attack British forces in southern Free State.—\$2,000,000 fire in Bloomington, Ill.—Labor factions in Chicago hold another conference.—June 21.—McKinley and Roosevelt nominated at Philadelphia; no other candidates; unanimous vote.—Boxer movement in China spreading; reaching other cities; general movement against the foreigners.—Amnesty proclamation

for Filipinos issued today.—Miners desire representation in the cabinet.—Insurgents about to overpower Colombian government.—June 22.—Leading Filipinos accept U. S. peace terms; will endeavor to convert Aguinaldo to American brand of freedom.—American consulate destroyed at Pekin; Chinese troops acting in concert with Boxers; powers fire on Tientsin; warships and soldiers ordered from Manila to Taku.—Japan purposes resisting Russian control in partitioning of China.—War pot is boiling.—Mormon Roberts convicted of Polygamy at Salt Lake City.—Republican headquarters to be moved to Chicago.—June 23.—Chicago Derby day!—Americans allied with foreign powers in moving upon Chinese at Tientsin; foreign parts of Tientsin reported wholly destroyed; Li Hung Chang hopes for early peace.—Boers endeavoring to entrap Robert's army; closing in south of Bloemfontein; Gen. Botha active east of Pretoria; may lead main English army to eastern line of Transvaal, then drop back and defend Pretoria;—\$300,000 fire in Pittsburg.—Bryan in Wisconsin.—Russia sending 20,000 to Pekin.—Boxers continue depredations at Tientsin.—June 24.—Chinese Boxers and soldiers defeat foreign forces at Tientsin; allied armies repulsed.—Committee of Frenchmen appeal to powers in behalf of the Boers.—Prominent Englishmen predict general war all over civilized world, as a result of Chinese affairs.—British see little hope of soon ending of Boer war.—Paris world's fair in full blast.—June 25.—China asks U. S. to check invasion of troops into China; powers determine to move on to the capital and stop slaughter of foreigners and missionaries.—Boxers kill nearly 2,000 native Christians.—Cruiser Brooklyn sails from Manila for Taku.—Boers cut off Robert's line of communication; a bold dash at Honing Spruit.—35 persons killed in wreck at McDonough, Ga.—Bryan in Chicago.—Czar rejects proposal of England looking to co-operative action in China.—June 26.—Chinese whip allied forces in another battle, and win in battle; Admiral Seymour reported captured by Chinese; Pekin reported surrounded by 360,000 Chinese soldiers to resist advance of foreign armies.—10,000 British soldiers leave Calcutta for China.—Scores of Cuban teachers leave Cuba for educational tour in U. S.—Hot wave strikes Chicago.—Newspaper correspondent declares Havana in worse condition than when Weyler ruled.

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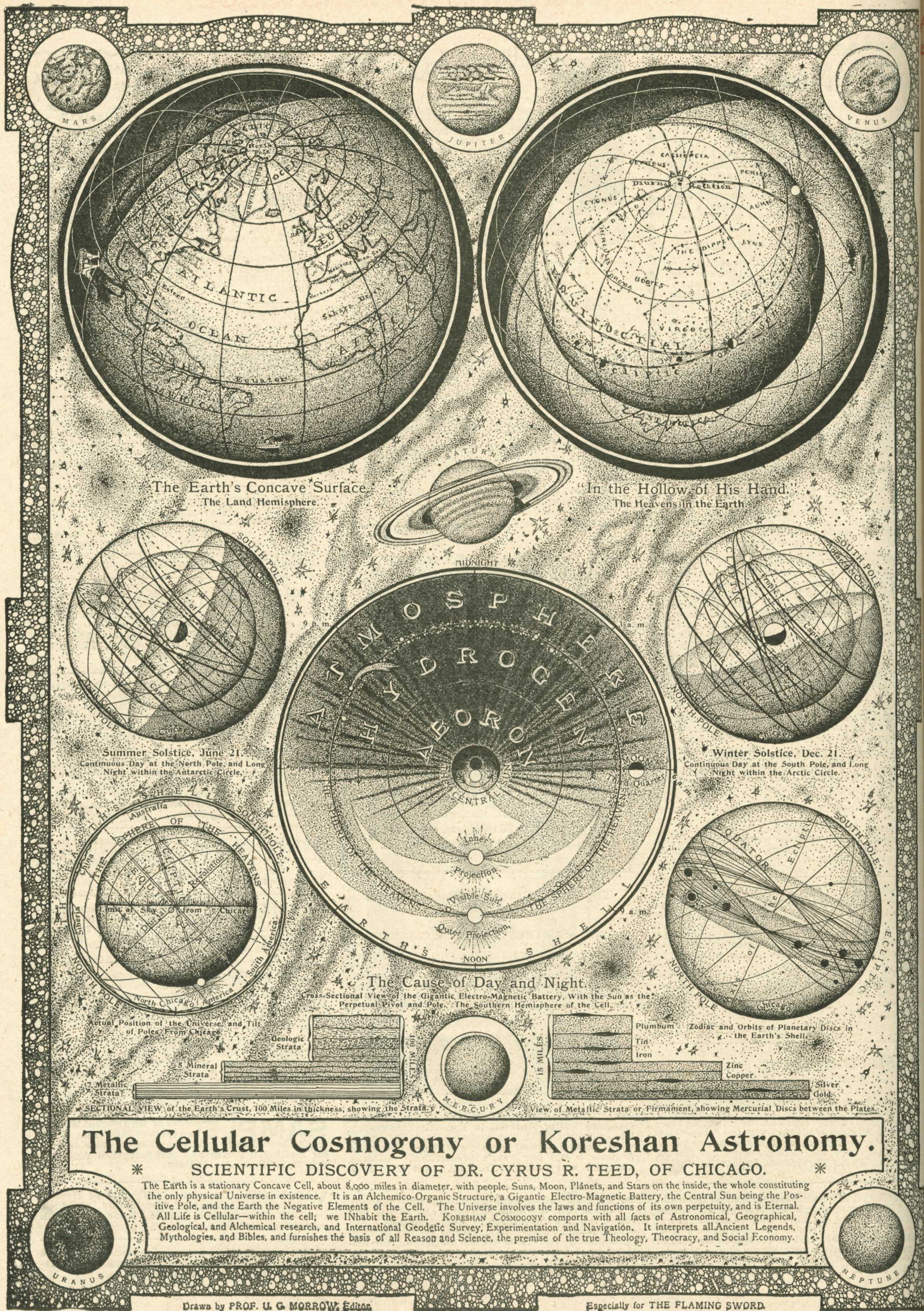
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The Earth is a stationary Concave Cell, about 8,000 miles in diameter, with people, Suns, Moon, Planets, and Stars on the inside, the whole constituting the only physical Universe in existence. It is an Alchemico-Organic Structure, a Gigantic Electro-Magnetic Battery, the Central Sun being the Positive Pole, and the Earth the Negative Elements of the Cell. The Universe involves the laws and functions of its own perpetuity, and is Eternal. All Life is Cellular—within the cell; we INhabit the Earth. KORESHAN COSMOGONY comports with all facts of Astronomical, Geographical, Geological, and Alchemical research, and International Geodetic Survey, Experimentation and Navigation. It interprets all Ancient Legends, Mythologies, and Bibles, and furnishes the basis of all Reason and Science, the premise of the true Theology, Theocracy, and Social Economy.